

**Approved**

**Town of Brentwood  
Budget Committee Hearing  
Minutes of January 23, 2012**

*Present:* Elyse Seeley (Chair), Bill Faria, Krista Steger, Bob Mantegari, John Lyon, Jeff Bryan (Select Board), Dianne Vosgien (School Board Representative).

*Absent:* Malcolm Allison

*Public present:* Ken Christiansen, Crystal Buswell, Carol Pipinias, Lisa Swasey.

Chairperson Elyse Seeley called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1. Motion to approve corrected draft minutes from January 16, 2012. Jeff/John, approved, 6-1. 1 Abstention (Dianne).
2. Town Warrant Articles (under RSA 35:1)
  - i. Motion to approve, 4900-70-836 Police Department patrol grant, Bob/Diane. This is money that will be reimbursed by the state for increased police patrols on Route 125. Money needs to be appropriated and will be reimbursed. Approved, in amount of \$5,832.00, 7-0
  - ii. Motion to approve, 4900-70-837, Fire Department pagers and radios, Jeff/Diane. This is to replace/upgrade pagers and radios that will be needed due to an FCC frequency change for the Fire Department communications. Approved, in the amount of \$35,000.00, 6-1.
  - iii. Motion to Discuss, 4900-70-838, Fire Department computers, Jeff/Bob. The Chief is pursuing a grant to replace the computers/obtain a server at the department. The current computers are about 10 years old and need to be upgraded. If the Chief gets the grant it will include servers and a distributed network at the department. If not granted, he will still need upgraded computers. Motion to approve \$2,000.00 (requested was \$4,500.00), to purchase new computers, Bob/Diane, approved, in the amount of \$2,000.00, 4-3.
  - iv. Motion to Discuss, 4900-70-822, Fire Department vehicle, Bob/Jeff. This is to add to the capital reserve for fire department vehicles replacement. The Select Board believes vehicles will be needed in the future since most of the remaining vehicles are in the 20 to 25 year old range. Motion to approve, in the amount of \$50,000.00, Jeff/Krista, approved 5-2.
  - v. Motion to Approve, 4915-70-824, Highway Building addition, to establish a fund to add to the existing highway building, Bob/Bill. The estimate to complete this work is approximately \$180,000.00. Vote to approve, in the amount of \$50,000.00, Failed, 4-3.
  - vi. Motion to Approve, 4915-70-825, New Highway Salt and Sand Storage Shed; Bob/Diane. The state has mandated that by 2016, salt and sand storage will be undercover. The estimate to complete this work is approximately \$175,000.00. There are alternatives that would cost less but some solution must be in place by 2016. Vote to approve, in the amount of \$50,000.00 Failed, 7-0.

- vii. Motion to approve, 4915-70-829, to establish and fund \$50,000 for a Capital Reserve Fund to address building repairs on all town owned buildings, to be capped at \$150,000.00, Jeff/Bob. Vote to approve, in the amount of \$50,000.00, approved, 7-0.
3. Preparation for Public Hearing, February 6 and Brentwood Newsletter article. Budcom reviewed and discussed draft article which summarizes the town and school operating budgets and warrants. Some edits/changes suggested for formatting improvements. Motion to approve publication, Dianne/Bob, approved 7-0. Approved final copy to be e-mailed to all as well as Brentwood Newsletter and website.

The operating budget recommended by Budcom totals \$2,731,291, an increase of \$11,947.00 with a tax impact of .025 cents per thousand. The warrants recommended total \$511,332.00, an increase of ~~\$8303.00~~ \$109,832 with a tax impact of ~~.02~~ .23 cents per thousand. The grand total is \$3,242, 623, an increase of ~~\$20,250.00~~ \$121,779.00 or ~~0.63%~~ 4% with a tax increase of .04 .25 cents per thousand. Swasey School operating budget is a 1.5% increase or .16 cents per thousand, and the Swasey School warrant (a 2 year teacher contract) adds .11 cents the first year, and an additional .12 cents the second year. The total increase, town plus local school, adds 0.31 cents per thousand for 2012.

Also included in our tax bill, the SAU 16 Cooperative operating budget is a 2.09% increase and adds .50 cents per thousand. (The default, if the proposed Coop operating budget fails at ballot, adds .32 cents per thousand to the tax bill.) There are also four Coop appropriations warrant articles as follows:

- 2 year Administrators Contract, adds .01 cent per thousand
- 3 year Para's contract, adds .01cent per thousand
- 2 year Teacher's contract, adds .11 cents per thousand in the first year
- \$150,000 Buildings and Grounds Maintenance, adds .05 cents per thousand

The Coop Operating Budget and Warrants, if approved, add .68 cents per thousand.

A yes vote on all items on town and schools will increase taxes \$1.00 per thousand for 2012. This is a gross estimate based on current revenue information and does not reflect unforeseen expenses, changes in revenues and new property valuations. A complete line by line 2012 town budget will be available on the web site, [www.brentwoodne.gov/budget.php](http://www.brentwoodne.gov/budget.php).

4. Public Hearing is on February 6, 2012, at 7 pm at Swasey School. Brief meeting of BudCom to follow.
5. Public Comment. Lisa Swasey stated that she believes Swasey school student population has remained fairly steady for the last two years.
6. Other Business. None

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday February 6, 2012, following the public hearing.  
Motion to adjourn at 8:05, Jeff/Bob 7-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by  
William C Faria